

## **Countdown on the Gap Closure**

### **This Week on the Gap Closure Jan 19, 2009**

The project team continues to focus on the west side freeway widening work that is necessary to open the southbound carpool lane. In the coming week, the following key work is planned:

- Installing soundwall panels at the Coleman Pedestrian Overcrossing – some of this will be done at night when it is possible to close a lane to provide space for a crane. The barrier that the panels sit on, which is constructed at the same time as the panels themselves, must be in place for the southbound carpool lane to open.
- Once the soundwall panels at the Coleman POC are in place, paving to be done for lanes to be shifted over for opening of the carpool lane.
- Install soundwall panels and pave at Lincoln Avenue. Ideally, the final few soundwall panels will be in place for the carpool lane opening but lanes will open regardless. Temporary paving here will allow the lane to open.
- Paving base pavement layer at Linden Lane. This will provide a solid foundation to construct temporary shoring to build the concrete pedestrian and railroad bridges over Linden Lane. These bridges must be built before Linden Lane reopens.

Other ongoing work:

- Lighting installation along the Lincoln on-ramp.
- Drainage work along the Merrydale bike path.
- Median paving south of the Coleman Pedestrian Overcrossing. This is necessary to get the northbound lane open. They are working where they have room. The remaining median work will be done once the southbound carpool lane opens, traffic is shifted west, and there is room to work in the rest of the median.